

I have a question regarding the steps in the application process. Can one make the online appointment and then pay for the visa application through TTPOST or do you have to pay first and then make your appointment.

The online application with the DS160 form is quite lengthy and I must add it is very frustrating, since the time limit causes a timeout session to cause you to lose everything and you may have to do it all over again. Also why is this done this way? To print out the slip is very frustrating since every page for the form has to be printed out and for those who do not have a laser printer but an ordinary one would take a bit longer and may suffer a timeout session like what I have gone through.

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As to your first question, you do not need to pay your application fee prior to completing the online application form (CEAC or DS-160 Form), but you DO need to pay this fee prior to applying for an interview time, as you will need to enter the receipt number for TT Post when scheduling your interview online.

Your second question regards the actual online application form (CEAC or DS-160 Form) itself. This form is a world-wide form which provides a standard set of questions for anyone applying for a visa. The form adapts to your answers, however, and may ask additional questions if you answer a particular question a certain way.

The form is a “digital” form, however, which means you do NOT need to print out each page of the application. The only page we need at the Embassy is the last, “Confirmation” page, which contains a bar code on it. We will scan this bar code, and all the information you entered will automatically be entered into our system.

Because this system is used all over the world, the online application form has a short “time out” period to prevent too many applicants from clogging up the application center. However, the online form allows you to SAVE the information at the end of each page. Then, if your session ends before you are finished, you can simply return to the last page you saved and continue from there.

We hope this information is helpful, but for more detailed information, and additional tips on applying for a U.S. nonimmigrant visa at the U.S. Embassy in Port of Spain, please visit our website at <http://trinidad.usembassy.gov> or email us at [consularpos@state.gov](mailto:consularpos@state.gov).